STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) (Caption of Case)  Application of Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service ) ) ) )		BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  COVER SHEET  DOCKET NUMBER: 2009 _ 473 _ WS		
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#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Interim Chief Clerk/Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service. Docket No.: 2009-473-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and five (5) copies of the Affidavit of Mailing of Lena Georgiev.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record in this proceeding with a copy of same and enclose a certificate of service to that effect. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of these documents by date-stamping the extra copy enclosed and returning same to me via my courier.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

Benjamin P. Mustian

BPM/cf Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire

#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

## **DOCKET NO. 2009-473-WS**

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Application of Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service.	) ) ) )	AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Personally appeared before me, Lena Georgiev, who after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows: I am the Manager of the Regulatory Department for the above-referenced Applicant. I caused to be mailed on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of March, 2010, via First Class Mail, to all affected customers of the Applicant at the customer addresses maintained in the Company's billing records, one copy of the attached Customer Notice of Filing and Hearing in the above-captioned matter.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME This 2 day of March, 2010

Notary Public for Illinois

My Commission Expires:

5-29-2011

OFFICIAL SEAL
LESLIE A. STONE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 5-29-2011

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### **CLERK'S OFFICE**

#### NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

#### **DOCKET NO. 2009-473-WS**

TEGA CAY WATER SERVICE, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. (Tega Cay or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges and modification of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service. Tega Cay is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(4) (Supp. 2009), providing water and sewer service to the public for compensation pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 2006-97-W/S.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2009) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4.A and 103-712.4.A (Supp. 2009), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly water and sewer service rates. Pursuant to Regulation 103-703 (1976), the Applicant further seeks Commission approval to provide that the Utility may disconnect those customers who do not annually have cross connections which may be installed, permitted or maintained between the Utility's water system and any other non-public water system inspected by a licensed certified tester and fail to provide to the Utility no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year a copy of a written inspection report and testing results submitted by the certified tester in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7.F (Supp. 2009). The Applicant also proposes to amend its rate schedule to provide that, in lieu of mailing its customers a paper bill, it may provide an electronic bill to its water and sewer customers on the Company's website if requested by the customer in writing. Finally, the Company proposes to increase its approved Fire Hydrant fee to be charged per hydrant per year for water service to reflect an increase equal to the proposed increase in water service rates.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's water and sewer rates, terms and conditions Tega Cay states, among other things, that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies, and earn a reasonable return on its investment and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services.

# THE PROPOSED <u>CHANGES</u> IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW (The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

#### WATER

Monthly Charges Residential (per single family house, condominium, mobile home, or apartment unit) Charge for Water Distribution Only Residential	Current	Proposed				
Basic Facilities Charge Commodity Charge	\$7.56 per unit \$1.69 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft	\$9.21 per unit \$2.06 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft				
Commercial						
Basic Facilities Charge Commodity Charge	\$7.56 per SFE \$1.69 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft	\$9.21per SFE \$2.06 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft				
Annual Fire Hydrant Fee	\$100 per year	\$121.80 per year				
SEWER						
Monthly Charges Residential monthly charge \$3 Per single-family house, condominium, villa, mobile home or apartment unit	Current 3.02 per unit	<b>Proposed</b> \$40.12 per unit				

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Tega Cay's Application is available on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>.

Commercial – monthly charge

\$33.02 per SFE

\$40.12 per SFE

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before March 25, 2010, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2009-473-W/S.* 

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 on or before March 25, 2010, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2009-473-W/S*.

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence, and does not want to intervene as a party of record in this matter, should notify on or before March 25, 2010, in writing, the Clerk's Office at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P. A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416. *Please refer to Docket No. 2009-473-W/S* 

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office in writing at the address below on or before March 25, 2010. Please refer to Docket No. 2009-473-W/S.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding MUST present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Clerk's Office Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the **Affidavit of Mailing of Lena Georgiev** by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal

Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire
Office of Regulatory Staff
Post Office Box 11263
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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Columbia, South Carolina This 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.